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Corpus should next ask Congress
for a twenty-five foot channel. No
one being pickers.San Antonio is thinking of dropping
her annual fair. Let's hope she won't.
We usually need the rain.The oil barge traffic will increase
our port tonnage sufficiently to ask
Congress for a deeper channel.The annual report of Postmaster
General Hitchcock showed an annual
surplus for the first time since 1883
and indicated a one-cent letter rate
soon.Against the new federal court bill,
the Bishop News remarked that Corpus
is always getting something good,
and then again we sometimes get it
good and hard.Secretary of War Stimson says the
army is unprepared for war. If some
foreign national should jump on us
now we would be compelled to call
out the patriotic public.The Christmas number of the Bar-
rington Star comes to us, 44 pages in
size, done up in a colored Christmas
cover page. It was a dandy fine news-
paper. We first mistook it for the
New York World, honest to goodness.In pointing out the causes of the
increased cost of living we should
keep in mind the fact that breathing
now costs more all over the world.
There are more breathers every day
and no more breathing room than Mr.
and Mrs. Adam had.In a few weeks another political
campaign will be on again full force.
Campaigns in Texas are not so far
apart as were the social relations
between two gentlemen who once upon
a time filled the executive offices of
the respective states of Carolina.The Caller doesn't mean to speak
prejudicially of the work done in the
street department, which has greatly
improved matters, but it still believes
that the use of a large proportion of
that would have made better streets.
Interior towns like Houston ship in
shell for street-making. Shell streets
never get muddy.Today's Caller is 28 pages. It is
probably the biggest regular edition
ever issued by any newspaper south
of San Antonio and Houston. The
Sunday Caller is getting to be a big
aper regularly. This fact speaks
much in praise of the enterprise of
our advertisers. The Caller hopes to
maintain quality in proportion.Jim Browning, former Lieutenant-
governor during the Sayers adminis-
tration, is the latest candidate for
Congressman-at-large. Browning is a
Panhandle Democrat of the broad-
gauged type. His style is a good deal
like the Southwest Texans. He's a
straight Democrat without frills.
While he was Lieutenant-governor
he advocated fewer and better laws;
as he phrased it, "let the herd rest
and take on fat."One of Oscar Wilde's epigrams de-
clares that "divorces are made in
heaven," but the Reno output con-
tinues to be the most popular because
obtained with such celerity. But
Nevada is not likely to long continue
so obliging. Gov. Odile of that state
says the time has come for a uniform
divorce law in the United States. He
thinks that it is the next section of the
state legislature he would, as a
beginning in the state, try to have a
passed forcing all persons who
desire to live in the state at
least three years.**NOT ON THE ROAD TO RUIN.**J. J. Hill, the great railroad magnate, recently declared that political
ghost-dancing is about to ruin the
business of the country.Mr. Hill believes in a wide-open
policy for the corporations. In that,
we do not entirely agree with him. While there is some truth in his ob-
servations that business is dull, that
fact doesn't mean that we are on
the road to ruin.While speculation hails in Wall
street and the public is slow to take
advantage of the low prices obtaining
for dividend paying stocks, it is be-
coming more evident with every day
that passes that the depression in the
security market does not reflect ac-
curately the general situation in the
country. Doubtless the brokers feel
discouraged at the absence of what
they call "speculative anticipation of
future activity," but there are encour-
aging signs that the country is not
going to the dogs.Altogether the consensus of opinion
among financiers and leaders in the
railway, industrial and mercantile
world is one of cheerfulness. The
harvests are abundant, money is plen-
tiful, and confidence in better times is
general among the people; and confi-
dence is the sure forerunner of pros-
perity. How can pessimism prevail in
a land which during the last twelve
months has contributed to its owners
new wealth aggregating billions? The
statistics given by the Manufacturer's
Record are startling in their truth:2,769,348,000 bushels of corn, 873,-
641,000 bushels of oats, 655,516,-
000 bushels of wheat, 278,552,000
bushels of potatoes, 145,951,000
bushels of barley, 30,677,000 bushels
of rye, 22,609,000 bushels of rice, 15,-
579,000 bushels of buckwheat, 735,-
542,000 pounds of tobacco, 46,986,-
994 tons of hay, between 12,000,000
and 15,000,000 bales of cotton.Marketing these crops and other
and handling \$2,569,000,000 worth
of products of mines and forests, as
a basis for manufacturing, trade and
commerce, means employment for
245,000 miles of railroads and for
financial institutions, among which
the national banks have \$10,375,439,
384 resources, \$5,489,895,612 in-
dividual deposits and \$1,929,875,827
capital surplus and undivided profits.Mr. Youkum greatly enjoys visiting
his old friends in this section. He is
a Texan and likes the broad, open
life of his native state. On his last
trip he brought with him his touring
car, his golf bag and shooting para-
phernalia. He is a good hand at
bringing down his game and he is as
successful when he ventures into
the fastnesses of Wall street after the
bullets and bears as he is when he goes
out for a twelve-pronged buck with
Col. Bob Kleberg at Santa Gertrudis.
Mr. Youkum has gone back to New
York, but will return to this section
after the holidays. We shall be dis-
appointed if he doesn't fetch us a new
railroad extension for a Christmas
present.The Democrats in Congress passed
a bill giving \$75,000,000 more in
bonds annually to the old federal
soldiers. They are getting tired seeing
the G. A. R. vote going Repub-
lican.It's going to be good to enter the
new year with your county and city
taxes paid up, including your poll
tax. Voters will get to use their poll
tax receipts a plenty next year.It seems to be very difficult for the
New York Democrats to please the
esteemed New York World.**WITH EXCHANGES****The Damage Suit Industry.**

Waco Morning News:

Of late the press of Texas has had
considerable to say relative to "The
Damage Suit Industry." Out of all
the discussion that has taken place,
three truths have become evident:First, sworn statistics furnished the
Texas Railroad Commission show the
Texas railroads pay a greater amount
under any kind of comparison,whether revenue earned, mile of road
operated or persons carried, thanany other state in the union, and
about four or five times as much asis the average for the entire United
States. Second, that every dollar paid
out by railroads in settlement for per-

sonal injuries is in turn collected by the

railroads back from the people of Texas
in the form of higher freight rates.Third, through the enactment of a fair
and just compulsory compensation

law by the state of Texas, not less

than a million dollars a year could

be saved the shippers of Texas.

As long as over a million dollars a
year is now wasted—that is, paid by
the people of Texas for injuries re-
covered by those hurt by Texas rail-
roads and goes to those not injured in
the least—freight rates can not be
lowered, nor can the service given
by Texas roads be improved.Why not enact a law that will give
to those injured 100 cents of every
dollar collected in satisfaction of per-
sonal injuries, instead of forcing those
to turn over one-third to three-**THE PHILANTHROPISTS.**

CARNEGIE: "HOOT, JOHN, I BEAT YE TO IT!"

—Robinson in New York Tribune.

Farmers Setting at Bishop.

Bishop News:

During the month of November
there were forty-eight immigrant cars
unloaded in Bishop. These people
are mostly farmers and are locating
on their farms, where most of them
came in advance and prepared com-
fortable homes for their families and
made other necessary improvements.**The Town Cow.**

Beaumont Bee:

Let's take the town cow off the
principal thoroughfares of Beaumont
before next summer, anyway. Some
of us will want to repair to the coun-
try to spend the summer vacation in
quietude, but who'll get any rest, for
when we hear the ding of that cow
bell we'll think we're down on Wash-
ington street.**Citrus Growers to Convene.**

Fruitful Facts:

The Texas Citrus Growers Associa-
tion will hold its annual meeting at
Houston in January, during the Texas
Land Exposition. The date has been
fixed definitely for January 21 and 25,

1912.

The year has been an eventful one
for the orange grower and a meeting
with ample time for full discussion of
the many questions in regard to
orange growing will be of the greatest
benefit to all. The meeting at such
a time, when there are thousands
of visitors from other parts of Texas
and other states, will be of great ad-
vantage to the coast country in thus
making known the true status of the
industry today.**Colquitt's Opinion of Reyes.**

El Paso Times:

Governor Colquitt of Texas, evidently
has not a very exalted opinion of
General Bernardo Reyes of the revolu-
tion he has been attempting to pull
off in Mexico. The Texas governor
gives it as his opinion that Reyes is
but a stoopid pigeon in the movement,
and the real revolutionary leader in
Mexico is Emilio Vasquez Gómez. In
other words, Governor Colquitt thinks
the Reynista movement is being used by
Mexico as a mask for the Guines move-
ment, which he also thinks is backed by
the Diaz sentiment in the republic.The wealthier class of Mexico has
had no sympathy for Madero and his
constitutional government. The gov-
ernment of Diaz, which recognized no
right of the masses, was in accord
with their idea of what the govern-
ment in Mexico should be.**Ideals of Character.**

La Porte Chronicle:

Ideals of character are not always
as broad as they might be. Some peo-
ple think that because they do not lie,
steal or break the law their charac-
ter is about perfect. That is nothing
but a negative character. True char-
acter is positive—positively generous
in its attitude towards others, pos-
itive in its sympathy with what is
right and true, positive in the mat-
ter of citizenship and religion.**Another List of Great Women.**

Dallas Times-Herald:

Andrew Carnegie recently gave out
a list of twenty of the greatest men in
history. Dr. Anna Shaw now comes
forward with a list of twenty-four
women who were considered for-
most among their sex in contributing to
the world's permanent history. Dr.
Shaw's list includes Eve, Vashti, Miriam
the Prophetess, Catherine of Russia,
Boadicea of Britain, Cleopatra, Queen
Elizabeth of Hungary, George Elliot, Florence Nightingale.**TOTAL VAST AMOUNT.**Armour Says Contracts With British
Army Amount to Between
20 and \$25,000,000.CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—J. Ogden
Armour, president of Armour &
Co., said that the contracts of the
indicated American packers with the
British army estimated roughly, had
amounted to between \$20,000,000**405****Mesquite Street**and \$25,000,000 annually. Mr. Ar-
mour said he had no idea whether
other countries contemplated action
similar to that taken by England."During the Boer war and other
occasions," said Mr. Armour, "the
contracts of the American packers
with England amounted to more than
\$20,000,000 annually, if I remember
correctly."**TARIFF REFORM OPPOSED.**Sheepmen Object to Any Lessening of
Tariffs.OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 16.—Tariff re-
form, especially as it relates to a re-
vision of the women's schedule, has
been the principal subject of discussion
at the forty-eighth annual conven-
tion of the National Wool Growers'
Association, which is holding its
final session here today.One of the biggest sheep shows
ever held in the United States has
been a feature of the convention.
Sheepmen declare that the industry
has made great strides in the last
year but that adverse action by con-
gress will speedily ruin the business.**Stock of New York Sun.**NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—William
M. Laffan purchases of Mrs. William
M. Laffan a majority of the stock of
the New York Sun, according to well
authenticated reports, the Tribune
says.The Sun, in its issue of Sunday
next, it is said, will announce the
transfer of the control to Mr. Laffan
who since 1867 has been one of the
owners of the New York Times and
the Philadelphia Ledger.William M. Laffan died on Nov.
19, 1895.**"Bucket Shop" to Supreme Court.**WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Na-
tional "bucket shop" fight inaugu-
red by the government some months ago
reached the supreme court of the
United States when counsel for Louis
Cella of St. Louis, Sam Adler and
Angelo Cella of New York filed no-
tice that they would ask that tribunal
to review the decision of the District
of Columbia court of appeals, which held
the "bucket shop" law constitu-
tional.The state empire in its develop-
ment calls for men in all walks of
life—men, big and able, brainy leaders,
generals to command and direct, and
behind them a great army of
faithful, capable workers, trained
and fitted for their particular niches.
Such men do not "just grow up."
They are the products of development
and this development is to be supplied
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along all lines has caught the eye
of the nation and the educational
development has been in no way less
than in other ways. Industrial education,
as the philanthropy of a Texas woman
enables the state to maintain its
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